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VIRGINIA IN 1683

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(Continued)

ORDER FOR MRS. BLAND TO GIVE SECURITY.

At the Court at White Hall the 26th of April 1683
present
The Kings most Exct Maty in Council
Whereas upon the Petition and Appeal of Sarah Bland Widdow and one of the Executors of John Bland[1] late of London Merchant from divers sentences given against her in the Courts of Virga His Maty in Council the third day of August last was pleased to order the Governor and Council there to take care that as well as the said Sarah Bland as the other parties in the Peticon mentioned should give good and sufficient security to make their appearances and to answer the determination of this Board a. by ye said Order more at large

[1] John Bland was the 4th child of John Bland, also an eminent London merchant. John Bland, the younger, is mentioned in Pepys Diary, under date, June 12, 1680, when he states that Mr. Bland was buried in the Chancel of St. Olaves, Hart Street, London.

John Bland (Jr.) was actively engaged in business in and with the Colony of Virginia. He prepared an able remonstrance "in behalf of the Inhabitants and Planters in Virginia and Mariland" against the Navigation Act, which was printed in our Magazine I, 141-155. He is stated to have expended £10,000 sterling in Virginia. An act in Hening (1752) VI, 303, shows that John Bland owned 8000 acres in Charles City County, called Kymages.

Theoderick Bland (ancestor of the Virginia family), brother of John Bland, came to Virginia as his agent. The suit against Mrs. Sarah Bland was brought by St. Leger Codd and his wife, the widow of Theoderick Bland. John Bland was the father of Giles Bland, executed in Virginia for taking part in Bacon's Rebellion.

appeareth And the said Appellant having this day further Petitioned His Ma^{ty} in Council setting forth that having endeavoured all that within her lyeth to comply with the said Order Shee finds that by reason of the prevalency of the other parties residing there Shee cannot during her absence without great difficulty and delay procure such security as is thereby required And praying that Shee may be admitted to give security here to answer the determination of this Board in her said Appeal; His Ma^{ty} in Council was pleased to Order and It is hereby ordered that the Clerk of the Council in wayting do take good and sufficient security of the said Sarah Bland that she shall answer such determination in her said Appeal as His Ma^{ty} in Council shall think most just And it is further Ordered that Shee be excused from giving any further security in Virginia, the said order above mentioned or any other order or Instruction to the Governor or Council of Virginia touching the method of proceeding in Appeals to the Contrary notwithstanding

Francis Gwyn

SECRETARY SPENCER TO THE COMMITTEE OF TRADE AND PLANTATIONS.

May it please your Lo^{ps}

Since my last to your Lo^{ps} noe matter of moment hath occurred in this His Maties Government therefore should not now have presumed to have troubled your Lo^{ps} but in obedience to your Lo^{ps} commands in transmitting Copies of Orders of Council and political matters registered in my Office which are herewith humbly presented to your Lo^{ps} being as am commanded a Duplicat.

By His Ex^{cy} my Lord Culpeper I presume your Lo^{ps} have received the satisfaction of the intire well settlement of His Maties affaire in this Government which continues in the like good State, and have noe apprehension of their otherwise being—In which the faithful service of him shall not be want-

ing who beggs leave to subscribe himselfe your Lo^{ps} most humble and Obedient Servant.

Nich^{o} Spencer

Virginia July 16th 1683

LORDS OF TRADE AND PLANTATIONS TO LORD CULPEPER.

Council Chamber
24th August 1683

My Lord

The Right Hono^{ble} the Lords of the Committee for Trade and Foreign Plantations having this day read your Lo^{ps} Instructions bearing date 27th Jan^{ry} 1681-2 have commanded mee to signify their desires that your Lo^{p} give them as soon as may bee a particular and distinct Account in Writing how your Lo^{p} has observed and complyed with each of the said Instructions, with the proceedings that have been had thereupon

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LORD CULPEPER TO THE LORDS OF TRADE AND PLANTATIONS
2 SEPTEMBER 1683.

In pursuance of your Lord^{ippes} Commands by Mr. Blathwaite Dated 24th August last, when I was extremely ill, though I should more willingly have presented it in person, you will now receive A Particular Account of Each Instruction written on the other side of it, wch being voluminous, hath taken up more time than I expected, And my sicknesse hath been a very great Hindrance alsoe, for there was nothing I desired more, and had notice come sooner, as I earnestly expected, you had been sooner obeyed by

You Lord^{ippes}
Most Humble Servant

Tho. Culpeper

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR MY LORD CULPEPER WITH AN ACC'T OF HIS LOP'S COMPLIANCE THEREWITH[2].

Charles R

Instructions for Our Right Trusty and Well beloved Thomas Lord Culpeper Our Lieutenant and Governor General of Our Colony and Dominion of Virginia in America and, in his absence, to ye Commander in Cheif of Our said Colony Given at Our Court at Whitehall the 27th day of Jany 1681-2 in ye 33th year of Our Reigne.

Whereas by Our Letters Patents under Our Great Seal of England bearing date the eight day of July in the 27th Year of Our Reigne. Wee granted unto you Thomas Lord Culpeper the Office of Our Lieut. and Govr General of Our Colony and Dominion of Virginia to hold, execute and enjoy the said Office during your natural life next @ immediately after ye death, surrender forfeiture or other determination of the Interest of Sir Wm Berkley Kn^t.

And whereas you are from ye death or other avoydance of ye sd. Sir Wm Berkley, by vertue of Our said L'res Patents, become possessed of the said Office of Our Lieuten^t and Governor General of Our said Colony and Dominion; You shall therefore fit yourselfe with all convenient speed and repair to Virginia.

I was actually ready in every respect on the 15th of September last 1682 But either by the fault of the Captain, or of the victuallers (for a fault there was) The Newmayde: Fregat sailed not out of the Downes till the 2^d October, and stopped at Plymouth to take in Provisions till the 6th and after a tedious Danjerous Winter passage (all alone) arrived not in Virginia till the 16th December, whereas severall other Virginia ships that came into the Downes after us, sailed thence before us viz. on the 25th of September aforesaid, and takeing advantage of the Faire Easterly Wind had (all) Quick passages, particularly Capt. Arnold, and Capt. George Purvis, the latter

[2] Culpeper's account of how he carried out his instructions affords valuable information in regard to Virginia at that time.

whereof came to an anchour within the Capes on the last day of October.

And, being arrived there, you are forthwith to call a meeting of ye Members of Our Council for that Our Colony and Dominion, by name,

Sr. *Hen. Chicheley Lt. Govr.*

Nathaniel Bacon	Esqrs.	William Cole	Esqrs.
Nicholas Spencer		*John Custis*	
Robert Smith		Richard Lee	
Philip Ludwell		Ralph Wormly	
John Page Esqr			

I had a full Councell on the 18th December But in regard *Col. William Byrd* was an Eminent member of the Assembly then sitting, I did not sweare him till the first councell day after the Dissolution thereof, viz. 10th January following. *Col. Matthew Kempe* died two or three dayes before my Arrival.

Joseph Bridger Esq. Mathew Kemp Esq. William Byrd Esq.

At which meeting, after having published in usual manner Our said Letters Patents constituting you Our Lieut. and Govr General of Our said Colony @ Dominion, you shall take yourself and also administer the Oaths of Allegiance @ Supremacy @ all such other Oaths usualy taken @ administered as by Our Commission or ye powers given you under Our great Seal is directed.

(To be continued)